

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings, sheets 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, 7/11, 8/11, 9/11, and 11/11, make minor corrections, primarily in the reference numerals, to Figures 5, 7, 8, 10, 16-18, 20, and 21, and replace original drawing sheets 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, 7/11, 8/11, 9/11, and 11/11.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the fact that Examiner has allowed independent Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, and 12, and dependent Claims 13-18, 21, and 22.

With regard to Claims 4, 10, 19, and 20, which were canceled by Examiner without examination, Applicants are still fully persuaded that these claims are allowable. While Applicants may choose to prosecute these canceled claims in a future Continuation, in order to expedite patent protection, Applicants herein are foregoing prosecution of these canceled claims in this RCE Amendment.

However, considering the importance of the subject invention, Applicants feel compelled to add a reasonable number of additional dependent claims. Since all of the claims added in this RCE Amendment are dependent upon allowed independent claims, Applicants believe that Examiner will find them easy to examine and allow.

With regard to the miscellaneous and minor corrections that Applicants have made to the description in this RCE Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is involved.

Again, with regard to the miscellaneous corrections, Applicants believe that Examiner will readily see that miscellaneous corrections made to the allowed claims do not change the scope or meaning of any of the claims.

With regard to the drawings, in a separate and accompanying paper, Applicants have made miscellaneous changes to the drawings, and copies of the changed drawing sheets are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that these minor changes do not constitute new matter.

Further, with regard to the miscellaneous corrections to the description, drawings, and claims, Applicants respectfully submit that these changes reflect careful rechecking. Applicants further respectfully submit that Applicants careful rechecking and changes made in this amendment are good for both Applicants and the public.

With regard to new dependent Claims 23-37, Applicants respectfully submit that these dependent claims are allowable by virtue of dependency

upon an allowed claim, and also by virtue of their recitations in combination with those of their respective parent claims.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request admission of all of the changes submitted herein, and a Notice of Allowance for all of the claims submitted herein, namely, Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11-18, 21, and 22-37, including new dependent Claims 23-37.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that FIGURE 19, as much as any single drawing, represents the essence of the invention, and therefore Applicants respectfully suggest that FIGURE 19 be selected for printing on the patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

TRANSMITTAL FORM, PTO/SB/21, 1 page, 1 copy.
FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM, PTO/SB/17, 1 page, 2 copies.
PATENT APPL. FEE DETERM. RECORD, PTO/SB/06, 1 page, 1 copy.
REQUEST FOR RCE TRANSMITTAL, PTO/SB/30, 1 page, 1 copy.
DRAWING SHEETS 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, 7/11, 8/11, 9/11, and 11/11.
AMENDMENT OF DRAWINGS, 2 pages, 1 copy
DRAWING SHEETS 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, 7/11, 8/11, 9/11, and 11/11.

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